

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-1312-K)

PATENT

In application of: )  
Kopreski ) Before the Examiner:  
Serial No. 10/658,873 ) F. Wei Min Lu  
Filed: September 5, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 1634  
For: Method for Detecting and Monitoring )  
Cancer using Extracellular RNA )

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time for reply to the Official Action mailed March 23, 2009. A response will, therefore, be due on September 23, 2009.

The signature of the undersigned authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to debit Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee.

Respectfully submitted,  
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